

**THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
MEETING AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

March 16, 2006

The Regents of the University of California met on the above date at Covell Commons, Los Angeles campus.

Present: Regents Dynes, Gould, Hopkinson, Island, Johnson, Juline, Kozberg, Lozano, Marcus, Parsky, Pattiz, Preuss, Rominger, Rosenthal, Ruiz, Schilling, and Wachter

In attendance: Regents-designate Coombs, Ledesma, and Schreiner, Faculty Representatives Oakley and Brown, Secretary Trivette, General Counsel Holst, Interim Treasurer Berggren, Senior Vice Presidents Darling and Mullinix, Acting Provost Hume, Vice Presidents Broome, Foley, Gurtner, and Hershman, Chancellors Birgeneau, Bishop, Carnesale, Córdoba, Denton, Drake, Fox, Tomlinson-Keasey, Vanderhoef, and Yang, University Auditor Reed, and Recording Secretary Bryan

The meeting convened at 9:50 a.m. with Chairman Parsky presiding.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Parsky explained that the Board had been convened as a Committee of the Whole in order to permit members of the public an opportunity to comment on University-related matters. The following persons addressed the Board concerning the subjects noted.

Board: Divestment of University Holdings in Companies with Business Operations in Sudan

1. Mr. Jason Miller, a UCSF student representing the UC Sudan Divestment Task Force, emphasized that the group has a wide base of support that includes not only political leaders and students but also community groups and leaders. He reported that the group had submitted to Regent Rosenthal arguments on why targeted divestment will work.
2. Ms. Renee Firestone, speaking also on behalf of Mr. Michael Garner and Ms. Jenny Wood, commented that she had believed, following the Holocaust, that the world had learned its lesson and there would be no more genocide. She stated her commitment to work against genocide wherever it occurred and advocated divestment from Sudan.
3. Ms. Cham Nan Chao, a UCLA student, reported that, although she had lost much of her family during the Khmer Rouge regime, she was alive because someone had helped her mother escape. She asked the Regents to use their power and influence to save lives in Sudan.

4. Ms. Stephanie Nyombayire, a Rwanda native, reported having lost most of her family there. She urged the Regents to take action against genocide in Sudan by voting in support of the divestment plan proposed by the Task Force.
5. Professor Edmund Keller, a UCLA faculty advisor for the Darfur Action Committee, recalled that during apartheid the University had divested from companies doing business in South Africa. That action was part of a worldwide movement against apartheid. In Sudan, genocide has been continuing for ten years. He implored the Regents to support the divestment proposal.
6. Mr. Alan Roberts, Director of the African Study Center at UCLA and speaking also on behalf of Ms. Karina Garcia and Ms. Kristen Thompson, reported that the issue of responding to the genocide in Sudan had attracted a diverse group. He asked the Regents to support the divestment proposal of the dedicated students who had organized the movement.
7. Mr. Mark Brecke, speaking also on behalf of Ms. Ruth Dawson and Ms. Samia Bano, quoted from a letter from victims in Darfur who reported atrocities committed in their village by government forces. He stated that because the Khartoum government is systematically killing its own people, all economic ties to it should be severed.
8. Mr. Mohamad Saleh Ahmad reported that, while he empathized with his fellow students concerning Sudan, he was opposed to divestment, which he believed would give more power to the rebels, who appear to be the largest impediment to peace.

University-related Matters

9. Mr. Joel Beutel, a UC Merced graduate student and chair of the Council on Student Fees, expressed concern that student services had become unable to support students in ways that could help ensure their academic success. He requested that funds from the Governor's proposed buy back of student fees be used to give more support to student services.
10. Mr. Zachary Avallone, representing the ASUC, extended an invitation to the Regents to work with students to secure funding from the Governor's budget adequate to stabilize student fees. He reported working with Assemblywoman Carol Liu to amend specific bill language to that end and introduce a resolution called the Student Compact, which reinforces the ideals set forth in the Master Plan.
11. Mr. Wayne Moore discussed a problem his family was having with the residency classification system that has affected his sons who are students on UC campuses. He reported that he had been unsuccessful in getting an error in their residency classification corrected and asked the Regents to help.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary